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My Testimony

BY JORDAN BEASLEY

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peace of God come upon him. His whole body and face changed. It was like all the chemicals in his body suddenly were balanced and he stopped shaking! The ambulance came and asked all of us if we were okay. We said no one was hurt, and I told him how there were angels in my car with me! I was just so happy! He didn't believe I was the one in the Audi because whoever was in that vehicle FOR SURE was seriously injured!

I called Josh shortly after we got a hold of the police. I told him I was in a car accident and we laughed and worshipped together! On the way there, Josh was asking the Lord what was going on, and the Presence of God fell in the vehicle and God told Him I was fine.

The car accident wasn't about my car being totaled, or me missing dinner at Nana's house, or what an inconvenience it was. It was about the hurting people around me who needed to see the power of God REAL and WORKING ACTIVELY in the life of a believer.



After Tony had smoked almost an entire pack of cigarettes, he walked over to me as I was pulling my belongings out of the car. I began to share the gospel with him. I told him Jesus loves him and has a plan for his life. That the blood of Jesus was shed for him, and God wants his heart. He began to tell me a little about what he was going through. "I used to be saved." He said. "I found my wife in bed with another man. Then, two months ago, two people broke into my dad's house and shot him and killed him. I used to be saved, but not anymore." I then told him that God hadn't given up on him. That even though he turned his back on God, God is still right there, waiting on Him. I told Him about God's unconditional love, about how much Jesus wants a relationship with him. He started to cry, and I knew why I was there. Tony's life will never be the same after Sunday.

It's so important for us to be found in Christ when storms come, because even when you go through trials, there are people around you He wants to love!

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Guard Your Heart

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BY PASTOR ROBERT SCALES

All things have been entrusted and delivered to Me by My Father; and no one fully knows and accurately understands the Son except the Father, and no one fully knows and accurately understands the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son deliberately wills to make Him known. (Matthew 11:27 AMP)

Jesus taught us that He was leaving His peace with us when He ascended to sit at the right hand of the Father. It is not some thing we can have without Him.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14:27 KJV)

I want you to focus on the words. How many times does our Lord say “I” and “your”? He is giving us every thing we need to not be troubled or afraid. He has entrusted us to use His peace. Look at what the Father has entrusted to Jesus.

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I want to give you the definition of “Heart” - the center of a person's thoughts and emotions, especially love or compassion.

Your thoughts have so much power over your decisions. Your true heart is the center of your will or soul. Jesus taught us to COME TO HIM to RELIEVE & REFRESH your soul.

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.] Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls. [Jer. 6:16.] For My yoke is wholesome (useful, good—not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant), and My burden is light and easy to be borne. (Matthew 11:28-30 AMP)

Jesus said, “Learn of ME! I am gentle & meek & humble & lowly in heart...”

So Jesus said to those Jews who had believed in Him, If you abide in My word [hold fast to My teachings and live in accordance with them], you are truly My disciples. And you will know the Truth, and the Truth will set you free. (John 8:31, 32 AMP)

Peace I leave with you; My [own] peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. **[Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled.]** (John 14:27 AMP)

It can't get any clearer than that. If you study the Word of God you will continue to see the importance of the condition of your heart. One of my favorite verses at the center of what the Lord has been showing me is this.

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. Avoid all perverse talk; stay away from corrupt speech. (Proverbs 4:23, 24 NLT)

I know many of you can quote the following verse, but have you asked the Lord the reveal it to you? The New Living Translation is so good!



Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. Avoid all perverse talk; stay away from corrupt speech. (Proverbs 4:23, 24 NLT).

Trust in the lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. (Proverbs 3:5, 6 NLT)

As I shared before the heart is completely controlled by your thoughts. When I gave the Lord my whole heart I didn't know the first thing about how to fight the thoughts that were coming like a “machine-gun”. The Lord used my sister Barbara to give me a book entitled “The Number One Way to Fight The Devil” By Norvel Hayes. It changed my life forever as I put to practice what Jesus did when He was in the desert being tempted by the devil. Every time the enemy came to Him with a temptation Jesus spoke the Word of God with the Words, “It Is Written” before each comeback. The next time the thoughts came about drugs, women, gambling or smoking I put my fingers on my temples, closed my eyes really tight and said, “IT IS WRITTEN, IT IS WRITTEN IN JESUS NAME!” Suddenly the thoughts were gone and I had relief! I knew as long as I had what was written I would never go back to the way I used to be. I got to the point where I could literally quote 2 Corinthians 10:5 in two seconds. I didn't care if I had to quote it 100,000,000 times a day I discovered the key to my victory!

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; (2 Corinthians 10:5 KJV)

I want to leave you with this. So often I meet people who comeback with the argument, “How can I be responsible about issues in my life if I don't think about them?” Let's look at what Jesus did.

For Christ did not please Himself [gave no thought to His own interests]; but, as it is written, The reproaches and abuses of those who reproached and abused you fell on Me. [Ps. 69:9.] (Romans 15:3 AMP)

What do you really think you can do about your problems? Until Jesus is the only one concerned about your issue, you have not given it to Him & it will not truly be taken care of.

This is our year Saints! Don't grow weary in hearing what Jesus said, believing, speaking it and doing it! Don't stop! You are closer to the end of your journey of faith than every. Do not grow weary in well doing for in due season you will reap if you faint not.

My Testimony

JORDAN MILLER BEASLEY

“I am so thankful to be alive today! I give all Praise and Glory to the King of Kings. My protector, my shield.”



So...I was in a car accident on Sunday...The day started with church and Minister Deborah taught about how important it is to pray in the Spirit every chance we get. I planned to leave town to go see my grandparents that morning. It is a five-hour drive, so I thought it would be a wonderful opportunity to pray in the Spirit for five hours!

An hour into the drive, traffic starts to suddenly slow down. About 6 cars in front of me slow to a stop. Cars start to drive off the road to avoid hitting the car in front of them, since the stop was so abrupt. The car in front of me comes to a complete stop, and I do, too. In that instant, behind me, a semi comes barreling towards me. He rams into the back of my car! It was one of the most amazing moments of my life. The impact of the strike smashed my trunk and the back window shattered, causing glass to fly everywhere!

Here's the incredible part. Like I said, I had been praying in the Spirit, so when the truck hit me, I just started to laugh! I can't even explain it. It was like joy was bubbling up from the depth of me. The peace of God was on me like a robe! I started Praising God!!! Laughing, I opened my car door to the truck driver, shaking violently in shock. By the way my car looked, he just KNEW he had killed someone! "Are you okay?" he asked. "Praise God!" I exclaimed. "Man, I am a Christian, and I was just praying, and I didn't even know what I was praying, but I am so happy right now! I am a child of God, I belong to Him! There were angels in the car with me that held my body still! I feel so great! Glory to God!!!" I checked my body, my neck, my back. I'm telling you, The Presence of God was all over me, and my body was in perfect health!

The truck driver's name was Tony. After we gave the police our location, Tony was freaking out still, shaking violently. I asked if I could pray for him. I laid my hands on him and began to pray the

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